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In re the application of: REYNOLDS, Richard, BROOM, Simon and BARRETT, Paul

Ser. No.: 10/758,176

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION  
(37 CFR §1.114)

1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 CFR §1.114, for the above identified application.

2. This request is being submitted:

i. ☒ Prior to abandonment of the application

ii. ☐ Payment of the issue fee

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☐ Issue fee has been paid but a petition under §1.313 was filed \_\_\_\_\_  
(copy attached).

iii. ☐ Prior to a decision on appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences

☐ A notice is being separately sent to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences that this Request for Continued Examination is being filed.

iv. ☐ Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. 145 or

☐ Commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 146

☐ Prior to the filing of such appeal or commencement of civil action

☐ Such appeal or commencement of civil action has been terminated.

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3. Please **Enter** and **Consider** the following *Previously Submitted Documents*:

☒ Amendment filed October 19, 2006 (copy attached).

☐ Brief on Appeal filed \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ Other:

4. Enclosed herewith is/are:

☐ An Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449

☐ An Amendment

☐ New arguments

☐ New evidence in support of patentability

☒ Other: Request for Telephone Interview

5. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

|  |                                  |       |                                |                             |           |              |
|--|----------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| RCE Filing Fee (37 CFR §1.17(e))   |                                  |       |                                |                             |           | \$ 790.00    |
| Claims   | Claims Remaining After Amendment |       | Highest Number Previously Paid | No. of Extra Claims Present |           |              |
| Total Claims   | 6                                | Minus | 20                             | 0                           | \$ 50.00  |              |
| Independent Claims   | 2                                | Minus | 3                              | 0                           | \$ 200.00 |              |
| Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable)  |                                  |       |                                |                             | \$ 360.00 |              |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Extension of Term</u></p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.</p> <p>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 CFR §1.17(a)(1)-(4), for the total number of months checked below:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><input type="checkbox"/> One Month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) ..... \$ 120.00</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Two Months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) ..... \$ 450.00</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three Months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) ..... \$1,020.00</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.</p> |                                  |       |                                |                             |           | \$ 1,020.00  |
| <b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>   |                                  |       |                                |                             |           | \$ 1,810.00  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR §1.27.  |                                  |       |                                |                             |           | \$ 905.00    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An extension for <u>two</u> months has already been secured, and the fee paid therefor of <u>\$225.00</u> is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.  |                                  |       |                                |                             |           | \$ -(225.00) |
| <b>TOTAL FEES DUE =</b>  |                                  |       |                                |                             |           | \$ 680.00    |

6. Payment of Fees

☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

☒ Charge Deposit Account 50-1446 in the amount of \$680.00.

7. Authorization to Charge Additional Fees or Credit Overpayment

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1446 (a duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed):

☒ Any additional fees required under 37 CFR §1.17(e), §1.16(b)-(d) and/or §1.17(a)(1)-(4).

Respectfully submitted,

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